

2025/6 Admissions Policy Consultation

The Good Shepherd Trust is the Admissions Authority for Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School, School Lane, Westcott, Dorking, RH4 3QF

The Trust is consulting on a proposed change to the 2025/6 admissions policy for Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School and would like to hear your views. The Trust has a statutory duty to consult on admissions arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The consultation period will run from the 14th December 2023 – 25th January 2024.

Information about the consultation will be provided on the Trust and school websites during the consultation period.

What is the proposed change?

The proposed change to the policy is:

Removal of:

3. Children who live in the named ecclesiastical parishes (see note 3) AND have a sibling (see definitions) who is expected to still be on roll at the time of admission.

4. Children who live in the named ecclesiastical parishes (see note 3) AND have at least one parent who worships regularly at a Church of England Church (see note 4).

6. Children who live outside the named ecclesiastical parishes (see note 3) AND have a sibling (see definitions) who is expected to still be on roll at the time of admission.

7. Children who live outside the named ecclesiastical parishes (see note 3) AND have at least one parent who worships regularly at a Church of England Church (see note 4).

Addition of:

3. Children who have a sibling (see definitions) who is expected to still be on roll at the time of admission.

4. Children who have at least one parent who worships regularly at a Christian Church (see note 4).

Comments are not being sought on any other area of the policy.

Rationale and potential impact

The following number of pupils have been admitted to the school under criteria 4, 6 and 7 in the past three years:

Year	2021	2022	2023
Criteria 4	0	0	0
Criteria 6	6	4	2
Criteria 7	0	0	0
Total number of pupils admitted out of 30 max	13	8	17

Of these criteria, only the sibling criterion has been applied in the past three years so the single siblings criterion (3. above) but has not approached the maximum admissions number. Therefore this should not disadvantage siblings' applications.

The merging of the two church attendance criteria into a single church attendance criteria should not disadvantage any pupils as neither church attendance criterion has been applied for the past three years and the total number of pupils admitted has not approached the maximum admissions number. This should not disadvantage any future application of the church attendance criterion applicant as the single criterion can be universally applied.

How can I respond to the consultation?

If you would like to submit a response to the consultation, please email Mr Paul Kennedy on: admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk or write to: Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust, Academies Office, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1JY.

Please ensure that your response is entitled: 2025/6 Admissions Policy Consultation.

You are able to submit a free text response.

However, the Trust Board would find it helpful if you could include your name and the name of the school to which you are submitting a response. Also, if you are able to indicate whether you will be affected by the proposed change and if so, in what way.

Further details on the admissions consultation process can be found in the School Admissions Code: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf

What happens next?

Please note that you will not receive an individual response to your submission and no changes to the proposed policies will be made during the consultation period. After the consultation has closed, all responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board during the first half term of the spring term 2024. The Board will then decide whether to proceed with the proposed change as well as determining the admission arrangements for all other Trust schools for which no changes are proposed. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all schools will be placed on the websites of the individual schools and sent to the Local Authority and Diocese.